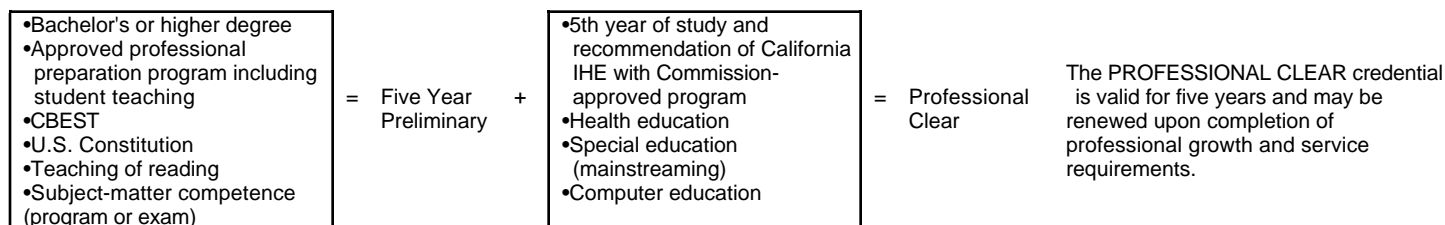


SINGLE SUBJECT TEACHING CREDENTIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR TEACHERS PREPARED IN CALIFORNIA

A Single Subject Teaching Credential authorizes the holder to teach the specific subject(s) named on the credential in departmentalized classes such as those in most middle schools and high schools. However, a teacher authorized for single subject instruction may be assigned to teach any subject in his or her authorized fields at any grade level; preschool; kindergarten, and grades one through twelve, inclusive; or in classes organized primarily for adults.

Individuals must contact one of the colleges or universities listed on the reverse of this leaflet for specific program requirements. Candidates for the Single Subject Credential who complete their teacher preparation through a Commission-approved program in California must be recommended for the credential through their college or university credentials office. Programs will vary slightly from college to college, but all programs will include specific requirements established by the Commission. The sequence of requirements is diagrammed below, then each requirement is explained in detail. Please contact the Commission, a public school district, a county office of education, or a Commission-approved college or university for application materials.



REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PRELIMINARY CREDENTIAL

1. **Education:** Completion of a baccalaureate or higher degree from a regionally accredited college or university.
2. **Professional Teacher Preparation:** Completion of a professional preparation program in secondary education, including successful student teaching.
3. **CBEST:** Passage of the California Basic Educational Skills Test (CBEST). To pass CBEST one must obtain a minimum scaled score of 41 in each of the three sections (reading, mathematics, and writing). However, a section score as low as 37 is acceptable if the total scaled score is at least 123. See the CBEST leaflet (CL-667) for more details.
4. **Provisions and Principles of the U.S. Constitution:** Completion of a course (two semester units or three quarter units) in the provisions and principles of the United States Constitution **OR** passage of an examination in the subject given by a regionally accredited community college, college, or university.
5. **Methods of Teaching Reading:** Completion of a course in the methods of teaching reading **OR** passage (with a minimum score of 680) of the Praxis Series Subject Assessment entitled "Introduction to the Teaching of Reading."
6. **Subject-Matter Competence:** Verification of subject-matter competence by one of two methods: (1) achieving a passing score on the appropriate subject-matter examination. Information about the appropriate subject-matter examination, including passing scores and registration, are on the Verifying Subject Matter Competence leaflet (CL-674S) which may be obtained from the Commission, **OR** (2) completing a Commission-approved subject-matter program or its equivalent and obtaining a verification of completion from the authorized person in the education department of a California college or university with an approved program (California colleges and universities may have recency requirements that have to be met before a subject-matter statement can be granted). The statutory subjects available for Single Subject Teaching Credentials are Agriculture, Art, Business, English, Health Science, Home Economics, Industrial and Technology Education, Language Other Than English, Mathematics, Music, Physical Education, Science: Biological Sciences, Science: Chemistry, Science: Geosciences, Science: Physics, and Social Science.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PROFESSIONAL CLEAR CREDENTIAL

Formal Recommendation from a California College or University: Candidates for the Professional Clear Single Subject Teaching Credential must secure the formal recommendation of a California teacher preparation institution with a Commission-approved program and apply through that institution for the Professional Clear credential. California-prepared applicants may not apply directly to the Commission for the professional clear credential. The Commission advises that candidates contact one of the colleges or universities listed below for specific requirements for recommendation prior to undertaking completion of the requirements listed here to ensure that course work taken to meet these requirements is acceptable to the recommending institution. The preliminary credential is issued for a maximum of five years. If requirements for the professional clear credential are not completed before the expiration date of the preliminary, the holder will be unable to teach in the public schools of California on that credential until renewal requirements have been met and the document renewed.

7. **Fifth Year of Study:** A fifth year of study consists of 30 semester units beyond the bachelor's degree in a defined field of study designed to improve the teacher's competence and skills. Those applicants who have not completed a fifth year must do so within five years of the receipt of the preliminary credential. This fifth year course of study must be approved by a California teacher preparation institution and may be used for one or more of the following purposes:
 - (a) Additional subject-matter preparation including, but not limited to, pursuit of a master's or higher degree,
 - (b) completion of an approved program for an advanced or specialized credential,
 - (c) in-service training for which college or university credit is given,
 - (d) study undertaken to complete an approved program of professional preparation.
8. **Health Education:** Completion of a unit requirement in health education, including, but not limited to, nutrition, the physiological and sociological effects of abuse of alcohol, narcotics, and drugs, and the use of tobacco. This requirement must include verification of training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) which covers infant and child to adult CPR skills, plus rescue breathing and choke rescue, education risk factors, sudden cardiac arrest, and may include causes of respiratory arrest, healthy heart concept and emphasis on recognizing the symptoms of heart attack and taking action before CPR becomes necessary. CPR certification must be completed while in a teacher preparation program or while teaching on a valid credential based on a teacher education program.
9. **Special Education:** Completion of course work in the laws, methods and requirements for providing educational opportunities to individuals with exceptional needs.
10. **Computer Education:** Satisfactory completion of computer education course work which includes general and specialized skills in the use of computers in educational settings.

INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION WITH APPROVED TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAMS:

State Universities and Colleges

California Polytechnic State University
California State Polytechnic Univ. Pomona
California State University Bakersfield
California State University Chico
California State University Dominguez Hills
California State University Fresno
California State University Fullerton
California State University Hayward
California State University Long Beach
California State University Los Angeles
California State University Monterey Bay
California State University Northridge
California State University Sacramento
California State University San Bernardino
California State University San Marcos
California State University Stanislaus
Humboldt State University
San Diego State University - San Diego
San Diego State University-Imperial Valley
San Francisco State University
San Jose State University
Sonoma State University

Universities of California

University of California Berkeley
University of California Davis
University of California Irvine
University of California Los Angeles
University of California Riverside
University of California San Diego
University of California San Francisco
University of California Santa Barbara
University of California Santa Cruz

Private Institutions

Azusa Pacific University
Bethany College of the Assemblies of God
Biola University
California Baptist College
California Lutheran University
Chapman University - Orange
Christian Heritage College
Claremont Graduate School
College of Notre Dame
Concordia University
Dominican College of San Rafael
Dominican College of San Rafael,
Ukiah Campus
Fresno Pacific University
Holy Names College
John F. Kennedy University
La Sierra University
Loma Linda University
Loyola Marymount University
Masters College, The
Mills College
Mount Saint Mary's College
National Hispanic University
National University - Sacramento
National University - San Diego
National University - Vista
New College of California
Occidental College
Pacific Christian College
Pacific Oaks College
Pacific Union College
Patten College
Pepperdine - Los Angeles
Pepperdine - Malibu
Point Loma Nazarene College

Private Institutions (Cont.)

Point Loma Nazarene College - Pasadena
Saint Mary's College
Santa Clara University
Simpson College
Southern California College
Stanford University
United States International University
University of LaVerne
University of the Pacific
University of Redlands
University of San Diego
University of San Francisco
University of Southern California
Westmont College
Whittier College